MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN : ടോൾഗേറുകൾ ഒന്നിച്ചാണോ പ്രത്യേകം പ്രത്യേകമായിട്ടാണോ ലേലംചെയ്യുന്നത്.

MR. P. J. THOMAS : പ്രത്യേകംപ്രത്യേകമായിട്ടാണ് ലേലം ചെയ്യുന്നത്.

Maintenance of roads.

120. *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the State Transport Department has undertaken the maintenance of any of the roads in Travancore?

MR. P. J. THOMAS (*Deputy Chief Engineer*): No.

Lorry service on the Alwaye-Munnar line.

121 *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the date on which the Transport Department commenced lorry service on the Alwaye-Munnar line and the number of lorries with which the service began;

(*b*) the number of drivers deputed for that service from the Transport Head Office in Trivandrum;

(*c*) whether reserve drivers were recruited in the Alwaye Office and if so, the number of men so recruited and the date of their recruitment;

(*d*) the number of posts of drivers that fell vacant in the Alwaye-Munnar line after the above recruitment;

(*e*) whether drivers from Trivandrum were got down or whether the reserve drivers at Alwaye were appointed to those vacancies;

(*f*) the number each of the persons appointed against such vacancies from among the recruits at Alwaye and the drivers sent from Trivandrum; and

(*g*) whether in addition to the lorries originally sent to that line, other lorries were subsequently sent and, if so, the number so sent till this date and the number plying on that line at present?

MR. E. G. SALTER (*Director of Transport*): (*a*) The service began on 29-5-1939/15-10-1114 with 14 lorries.

(*b*) 16.

(*c*) Yes; 13 men were recruited in July 1939.

(*d*) Three.

(*e*) Neither.

(*f*) This question does not arise in view of the answer to part (*e*).

(*g*) Yes, Six; the number that actually plies at present per day varies from 8 to 16 according to requirements.

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